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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application of: Juergen FEYE-HOHMANN  
Serial No.: 10/606,339 Confirmation No.: 4229  
Filed: June 25, 2003  
For: CLAMPING SPRING DEVICE FOR AN ELASTIC CLAMP  
Art Unit: 2833  
Examiner: Felix O. Figueroa  
Customer No: 23280

Commissioner for Patents  
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August 17, 2004

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the office action dated May 25, 2004 received in the above-identified application, applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration of the application based on the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.